

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 241746  
ORIGIN EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 FEA-01 ACDA-07 CIAE-00 INR-07 IO-13  
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 EB-08 NRC-05 OES-07 DODE-00  
ERDA-05 SS-15 SP-02 PA-01 PRS-01 USIA-06 PM-05  
/104 R

DRAFTED BY EA/TIMBS:LLROCKE:CCH  
APPROVED BY EA/TIMBS:REFRITTS  
-----020653 081944Z /45  
R 071753Z OCT 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 241746

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, TH

SUBJECT: REPORT OF MAJOR URANIUM DISCOVERY

REF: BANGKOK 18156

1. DAVID B. DAWSON, EX-FSO CONSULTANT FOR WYOMING MINERAL CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF WESTINGHOUSE, VISITED VARIOUS OFFICES IN THE DEPARTMENT EARLIER THIS WEEK. HE WAS CURIOUS ABOUT REPORTS OF URANIUM DISCOVERIES IN THAILAND.
2. CONTENTS REFTEL WERE NOT REVEALED BUT HE WAS TOLD THAT WALL STREET JOURNAL HAD RECENTLY REPORTED URANIUM DEPOSITS EAST OF KHON KAEN ON THE KORAT PLATEAU. HE WAS ALSO ADVISED TO CONSULT USGS WHICH HAD UNDERTAKEN GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION OF THAILAND SOME TIME AGO.
3. DAWSON LATER CALLED EA/TIMBS FROM PITTSBURGH TO SAY  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 241746

THAT WYOMING MINERAL WOULD SOON BE SENDING GEOLOGIST WILLIAM COLLINS TO BANGKOK TO EXPLORE SITUATION. HE ALSO PLANS CONSULT ECON COUNSELOR TOOMEY.

4. DAWSON SAID HE HAD LEARNED INDUSTRY MINISTER PERM WOULD BE VISITING US STEEL IN PITTSBURGH AND HE WOULD TRY

TO MEET HIM. HE UNDERSTOOD PERM WAS ALSO CONSULTING CANADIANS ABOUT URANIUM. DAWSON REFERRED ALSO TO A MCGRAW-HILL REPORT CALLED "NUCLEAR FUELS" WHICH INDICATED URANIUM DEPOSITS HAD BEEN DISCOVERED AT PHU WIANG IN KHON KAEN PROVINCE WITH 5.7 PERCENT RICHNESS 24 FEET UNDER GROUND. SAME REPORT ALSO STATED THAT ANOTHER URANIUM DEPOSIT HAD BEEN LOCATED AT PHU KHAO WHICH IS 50 KM NORTHEAST OF PHU WIANG.

5. COMMENT: AS URANIUM REPORTS CIRCULATE, WE CAN EXPECT MORE GEOLOGISTS VISITING BANGKOK. CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** URANIUM, MINERAL RESERVES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 07-Oct-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977STATE241746  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** LLROCKE:CCH  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770368-1320  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19771081/aaaacqwd.tel  
**Line Count:** 73  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** ac67a933-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN EA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 BANGKOK 18156  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 12-Apr-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 990296  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** REPORT OF MAJOR URANIUM DISCOVERY  
**TAGS:** EMIN, TH  
**To:** BANGKOK  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/ac67a933-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009